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#### **Briefs** News

#### Monthly ceremony

Twelfth Air Force's monthly awards and promotion ceremony is August 28 at 3 p.m. in the Catalina Room at the Officers' Club.

Honorees need to be in place by 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 12 AF/PA at 8-6053.

#### Holiday weekend

August 29 has been designated an Air Combat Command Family Day, which will make Labor Day weekend a four-day weekend this

Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the extended weekend in a fun, but safe way using some of the following tips:

- 1. If you drink, designate a driver before going out or call the AADD program at 850-2233.
- 2. When planning an outing, apply personal risk management to ensure you return home safely.
- 3. Avoid extended driving periods, take frequent breaks to stretch and don't try to "make that extra mile" before stopping for the night.
- 4. Above all keep an eye out and avoid putting yourself into unsafe situations, use the wingman policy – it pays!

#### Photos and bios

An electronic official photo of Lt. Gen. Randall Schmidt, 12 Air Force Commander, is available on the 12 AF "S" drive if needed. However, please note a new official photo will be available on or about August 15.

Official biographies for Lt. Gen. Schmidt, Brig. Gen. Mark Stearns, 12 AF Vice Commander, and CMSgt. Dean Wayda, acting 12 AF Command Chief Master Sergeant, are available on the 12 AF "S" Drive at Public/B12/PA/Bios, Official Photos & Fact Sheets/12 AF Biographies/CC, CV & CCC.

## Gen Schmidt takes 12 AF reins

By TSgt. Karin Wickwire Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Randall M. Schmidt became the commander of Twelfth Air Force July 25 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base,

During a change of command ceremony, a tradition dating back to Fredrick the Great of Prussia, Lt. Gen. Schmidt assumed command of the numbered air force from Lt. Gen. William T. Hobbins. Lt. Gen. Hobbins' next position will be as the new Deputy Chief of Staff, Warfighting Integration (XI) at the Pentagon.

With two previous commands in Twelfth Air Force, as the 24th Wing Commander at Howard Air Base, Panama, and 366th Wing Commander, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, Gen. Schmidt is familiar with the NAF mission.

"I'm honored to be back in Air Combat Command and to serve with the men and women of Twelfth Air Force," said Lt. Gen. Schmidt.

"From its inception Twelfth Air Force has maintained an expeditionary mission and focus, and that has never been more true than today. We face many challenges as we reconstitute our air expeditionary force structure, and reestablish our expeditionary battle-rhythm. Many members of Twelfth Air Force deployed time and again in recent years, and will be key to that effort," the general said.

As the Air Force Component Commander to US Southern Command, 12



Lt. Gen. Randall M. Schmidt (right) takes possession of the 12th Air Force flag from Gen. Hal Hornburg, Commander, Air Combat Command, in a symbolic gesture which signifies a change in commanders.

AF joins with its Latin American neighbors in ensuring security in the western hemisphere in the continuation of the global war on terrorism and illegal drugs. Through cooperative engagement in the region, members of Twelfth Air Force and other services have established a strong and lasting bond, ensuring success and partnership for years to come, according to Lt. Gen. Schmidt.

"Across the spectrum we face the challenges of transformation and reconstitution while we seek to take care of our

people and infrastructure. We must ensure that we focus our 'buck' where we get the most 'bang' in return. Dollars and effort spent on our people and their families are a smart investment; our recent enemies can testify to the 'bang' we're getting for our air and space power bucks," Lt. Gen. Schmidt said.

"I challenge us to continue to hone the spear to ensure we are ready when called again to defend the freedoms and vital interests of the United States and her al-

## CSAF announces new fitness program

## Deployments, other force demands prompt new physical standards

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Airmen will begin hitting the track soon as the Air Force begins a new physical fitness pro- not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culgram, the service's senior leader announced in his July 30 "Fit ture," he said. "It's time to change that." to Fight" Sight Picture.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper directed that airmen will now test their fitness levels by performing sit-ups, push-ups and running.

The change is being made because "we are a much different Air Force today," according to Jumper.

Jumper cited the physical requirements demanded by recent deployments around world as the impetus for the change.

"The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is

Details will be released soon that will get airmen back to the basics of running, sit-ups and push-ups, Jumper said. The cycle ergometry test, in use for the past 10 years, will continue for those who, for legitimate reasons, are not able to run.

Other changes include issued workout clothes and a renewed focus on the commander's ownership of airman physical fit-

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"We are planning to ... put responsibility for (physical training) in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support staff," Jumper said.

"I expect this effort to be led from meet the standard."

the top, starting with commanders and senior (noncommissioned officers)," he said.

"I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard"

#### Additional ACC Guidance

Gen. Hal Hornburg, Commander Air Combat Command, sent the following in his COMACC Sight Picture issued 22 July 03:

- ACC commanders must encourage their troops to participate in these activities and provide them time during normal duty hours to do so.
- As a guideline, commanders should release their troops to participate in fitness enhancing activities for up to 75 minutes three times a week. This is not intended to replace a lunch or dinner break, but rather needs to be spent focusing strictly on exercise.
- I want commanders to implement periodic squadron fitness events specifically designed to improve overall aerobic and strength fitness.

The program will begin Jan. 1. Jumper said he plans to lead National Capitol Region Air Force general officers in a fitness test during the first week of January. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray will lead area command chiefs later in the week.

"I think all of us can agree that we were disappointed with the fitness standards we found when we came into the operational Air Force," Jumper said.

"Let's not disappoint ourselves any longer. The message is simple: If you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them.

"January 2004 is the date," he said. "Be ready."



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#### New A2 Commander

**Name/Rank:** Col. Philip M. (Mike) Riede

**Unit:** 612th Air Intelligence Group **Duty title/Job responsibilities:** Commander, 612th AIG/12 AF/A2

Hometown: Navarre, Fla.

**Family:** wife, Maj. Karen Riede; daughters, Courtney and Kaylea

**Leadership philosophy:** Set clear standards; hold to them. Let great people do great things and reward them for it.

Favorite assignment until now – why? Commander, 25th Intelligence Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla. Great mission, great people, and great location.



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## SALUTE!

Congratulations to 12th AF warriors who recently were – or soon will be – promoted to the rank indicated and those who were recently awarded medals recognizing their accomplishments

#### **Promotees**

#### Airman 1st Class **Anthony Jett** Carole Burns



#### **Senior Airman**

Crystal Andrews Sammie Bolus Jane Diuguid Justin Hall Kenneth Pryor

#### **Senior Airman BTZ**

**Aaron Tissot** 



#### **Staff Sgt**

Daniel Bragdon Charles Isaac

#### **Master Sgt David Boutin**

James Russ

**Senior Master Sgt** Craig McCollom

#### **Chief Master Sgt** Keith Williams



#### First Lieutenant

Erica Loechl Oliver Siqueira

#### **Medal Recipients**

#### **AF Commendation Medal**

Capt. Karin McWhorter (2nd OCL) 1st Lt. Tracy Taylor (1st OCL)

#### **Quarterly Award**

A1C Anthony Combs – Airman

#### Got a story idea?

Does your workcenter have a new mission or some hi-tech equipment? Has someone in your unit recently participated in a major sports event or have a unique hobby, call 12th Air Force Public Affairs at 228-6053.

## Top of the 12th

A1C Aaron Tissot is an Offensive Duty Technician in the 612th Combat Operations Squadron.

Years of service: 2 Hometown: Albuquer-

Primary Duties and Responsibilities: Building Air Tasking Orders using Theater Battle Management Core System (TBMCS). Provide



A1C Tissot

TBMCS training and technical expertise to master air attack planners and augmentees. Responsible for building detailed databases for the theater air planner application of TBMCS.

"It's a joy to know there are people out there who work hard, expect nothing, all because of pride in what they do," said MSgt. Todd Biegenwald, Superintendent Offensive Operations, 612 COS. "I've been in the Air Force now for 21 years and will be retiring soon, having leaders like A1C Aaron Tissot gives me the satisfaction of knowing the 1C5 career field will remain strong. For it is leaders like this who ensure our freedom and the success of our armed forces."

Favorite aspects of D-M: The weather. It is not so bad to be six hours from home either.

If you could change one thing to improve D-M, what would it be? I would allow active duty Air Force personnel the opportunity to explore the boneyard. To walk up close to those aircraft, I think that would be cool.

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